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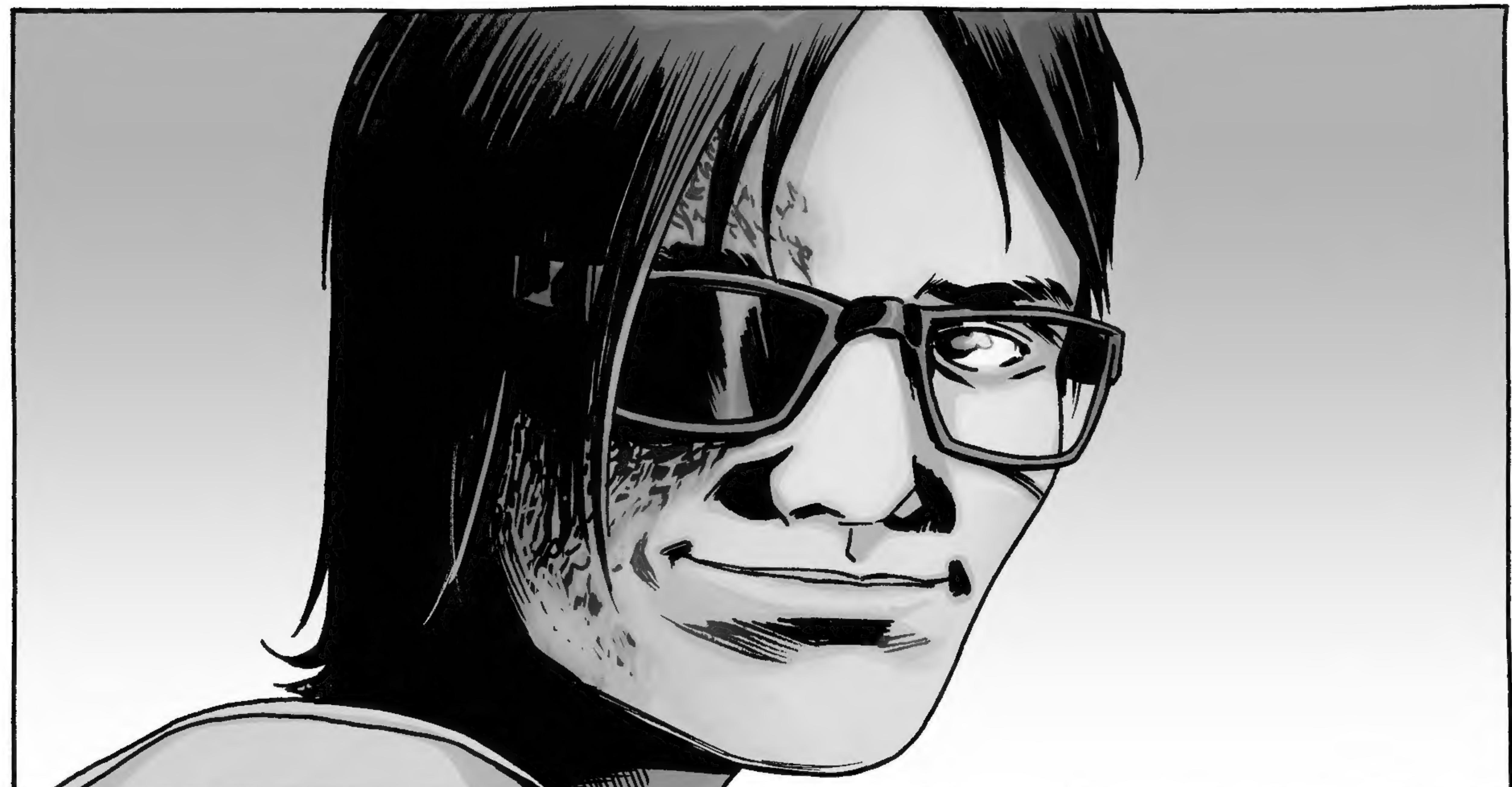
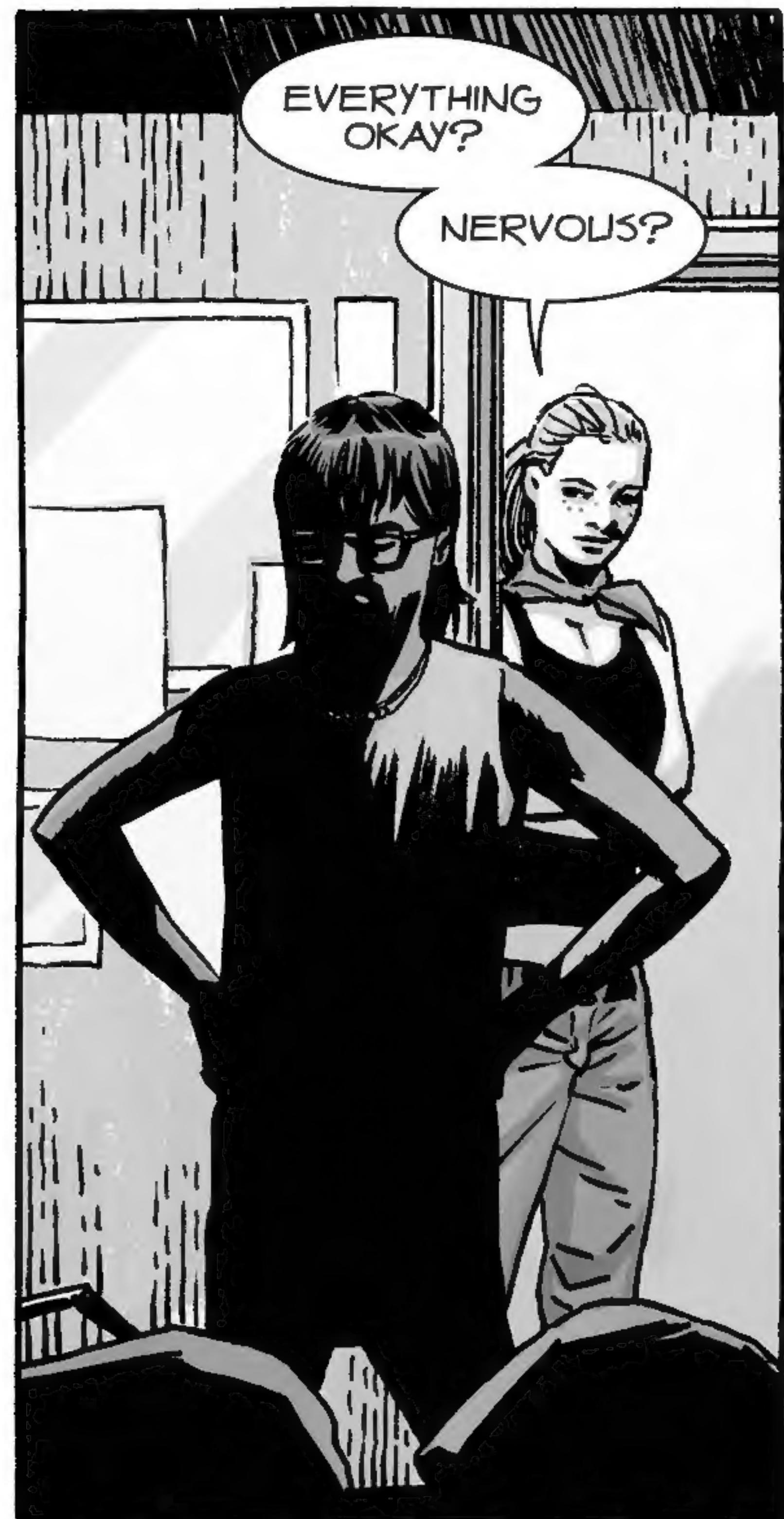


# THE WALKING DEAD

KIRKMAN ADLARD GAUDIANO RATHBURN







THIS TIME OF DAY REMINDS ME OF THE WORST PART OF BEING HERE... AND THE BEST.

THE FACT THAT I HAVE TO SHIT IN A BUCKET...

...AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE THE ONE CLEANING OUT MY SHIT BUCKET.



I'M JUST  
BRINGING  
YOU FOOD.  
SOMEONE ELSE  
WILL BE  
BY LATER TO  
CLEAN YOUR  
BUCKET.

BUSY DAY  
TODAY?

TAKING  
CARL  
TO THE  
HILLTOP,  
MAYBE?

OH, COME ON... I KNOW  
YOU SCOLDED HIM, BUT DID  
YOU REALLY THINK HE'D  
STOP COMING TO  
TALK TO ME? HE'S MY  
BUDDY. YOU  
CAN'T BREAK  
THAT BOND.

DOESN'T  
MATTER  
NOW. HE'S  
GOING.

WHY DO  
YOU THINK I  
TOLD YOU?

THAT CREAKING  
SOUND I HEAR...  
IS THAT A  
WINDMILL?

YEAH... I  
THOUGHT  
SO.

LIFE GOES ON  
WITHOUT YOU,  
NEGAN.

WE'RE  
THRIVING...  
JUST AS I  
SAID WE  
WOULD.

YOU'RE JUST  
GETTING THINGS  
READY FOR ME.

YOU KNOW  
I WON'T BE IN  
HERE FOREVER.

I KNOW YOU'LL  
DIE BEHIND  
THESE BARS.

I KNOW THAT I WON'T.  
TAUNT ME ALL YOU WANT...  
YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN  
YOU SHOULD HAVE  
KILLED ME.

HAVE YOU NOTICED  
HOW LITTLE YOU USE  
PROFANITY THESE  
DAYS?

I DON'T  
SEE THE  
FUCKING  
POINT.

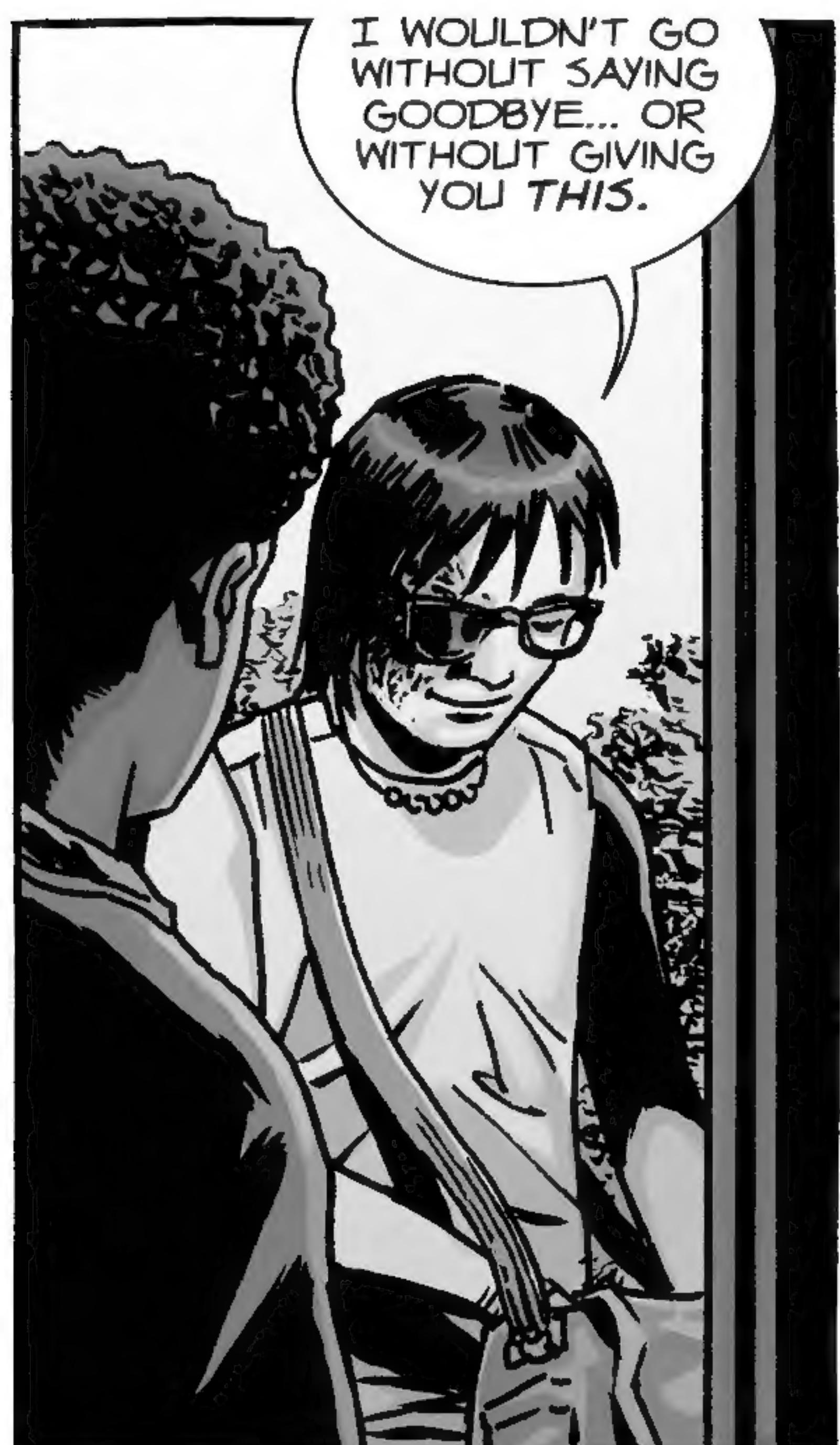
BEST TO  
SAVE MY  
ENERGY.

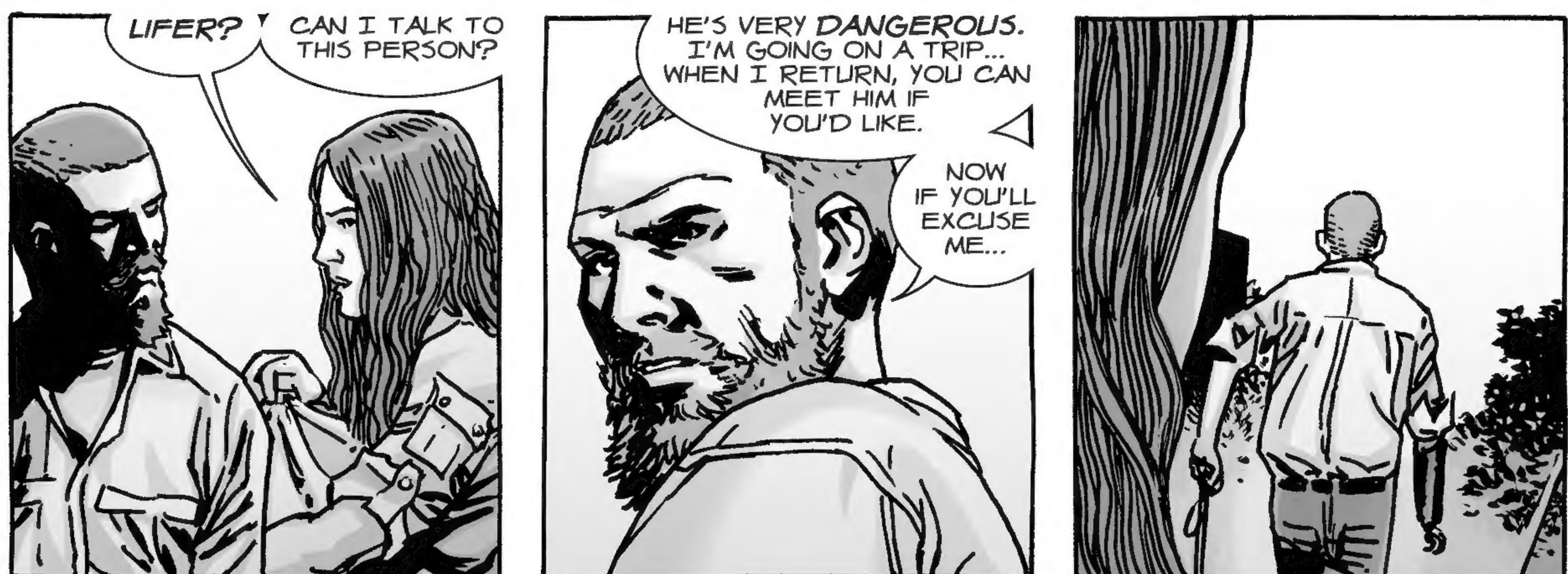
YOU'VE JUST  
GOT TOO MUCH  
OF A HARD-ON  
FOR CIVILIZATION.

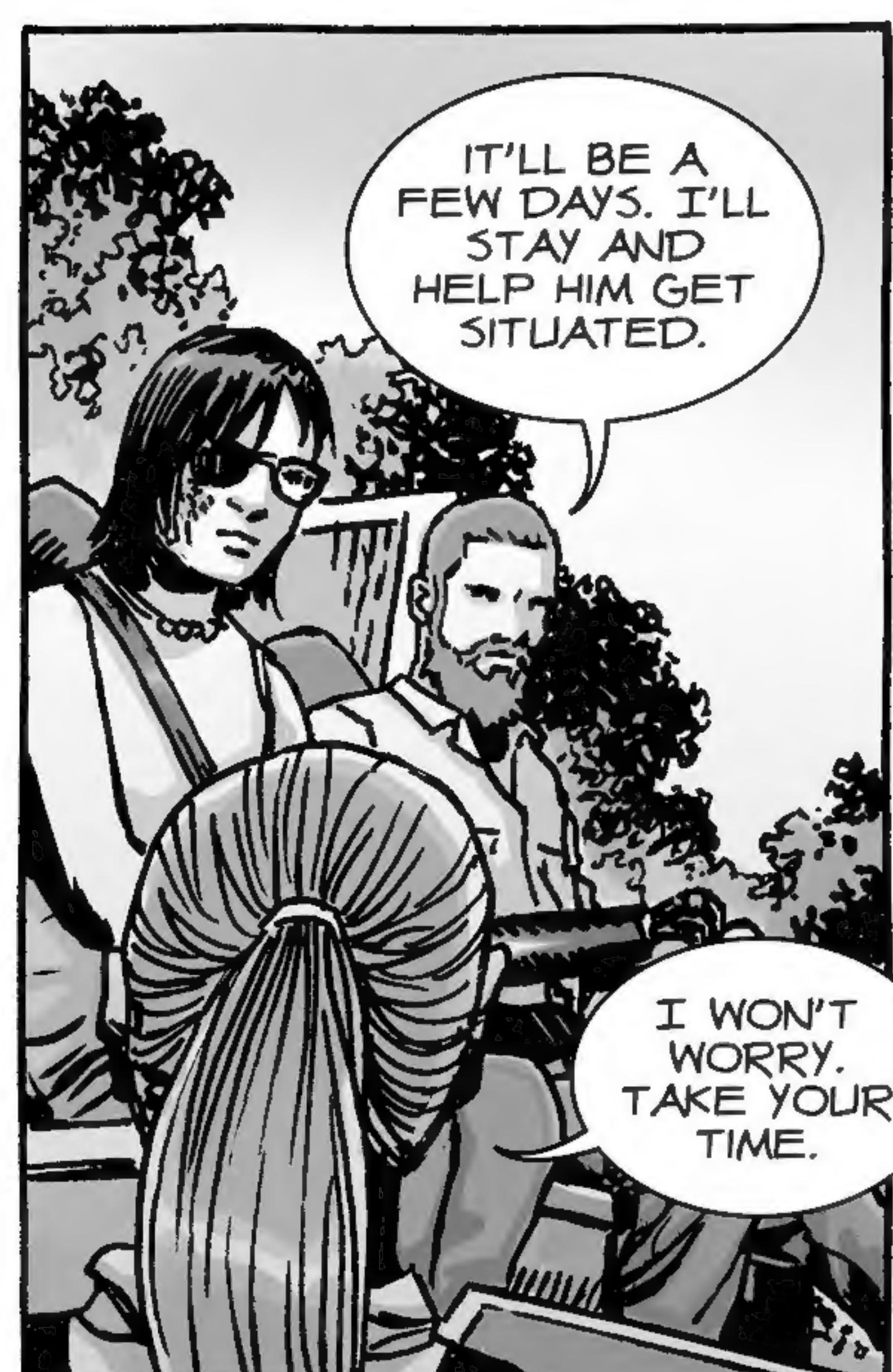
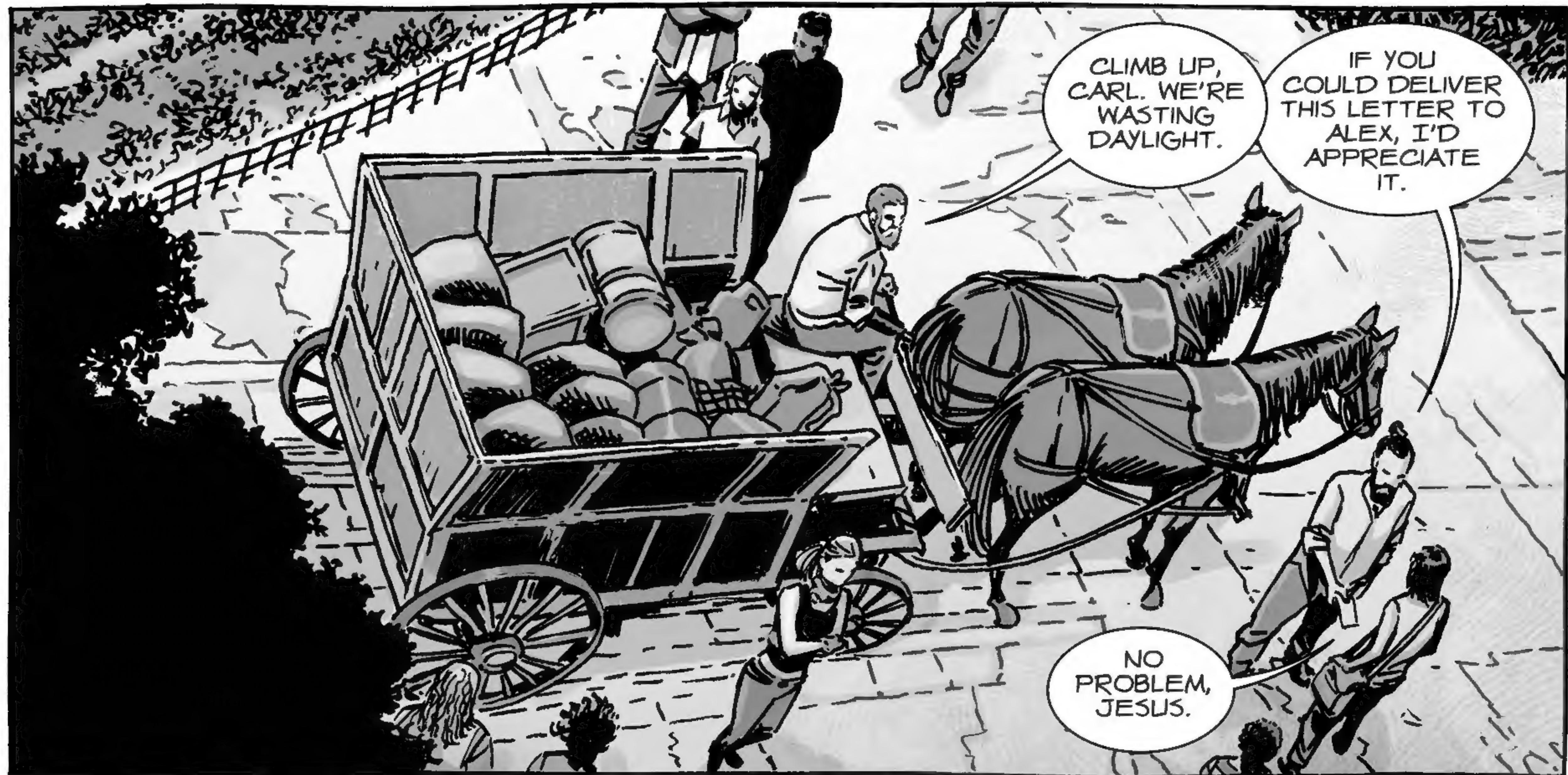
NO,  
THAT'S  
NOT IT.

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
I'VE FUCKING  
NEUTERED  
YOU LIKE A DOG.  
YOU'VE GOT NO  
FIGHT LEFT, YOU  
PATHETIC SACK  
OF SHIT.

ENJOY  
YOUR  
FOOD.



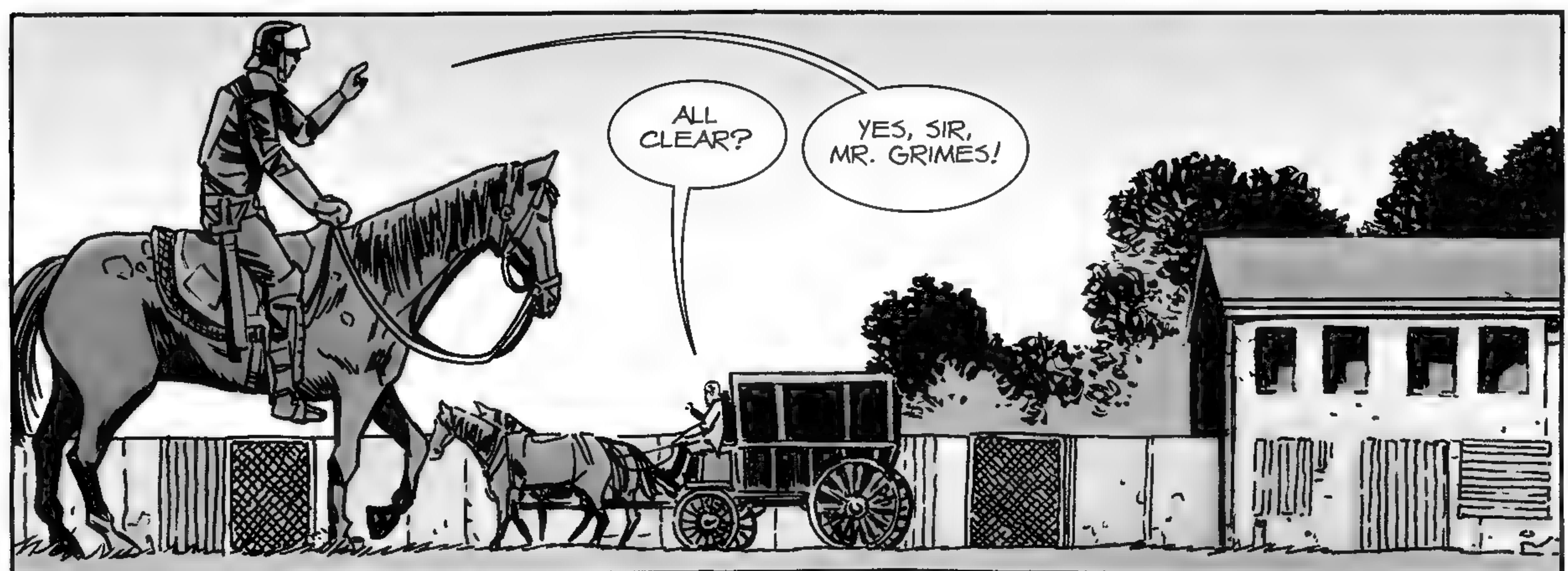




WHO'S YOUR  
GIRLFRIEND?

SHUT UP,  
DAD.



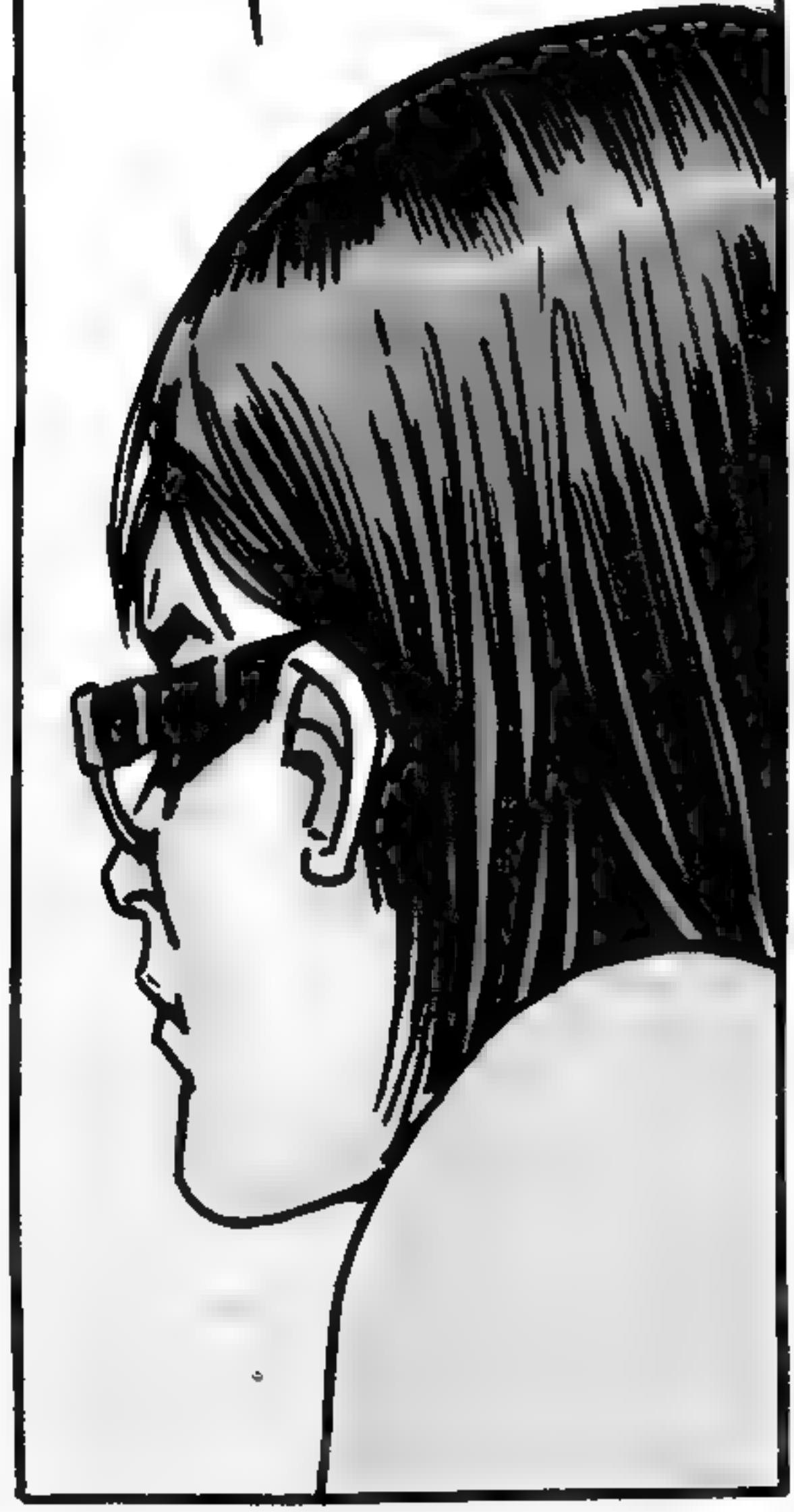


I DON'T  
WANT TO  
READ YOUR  
LOVE LETTER,  
SON.

IT'S NOT  
A LOVE  
LETTER.

HOW WILL  
WE KNOW  
UNLESS WE  
READ IT?

UGH.



HAVEN'T SEEN A  
PATROLMAN FOR  
A WHILE, RIGHT?  
OR DID I  
FORGET?

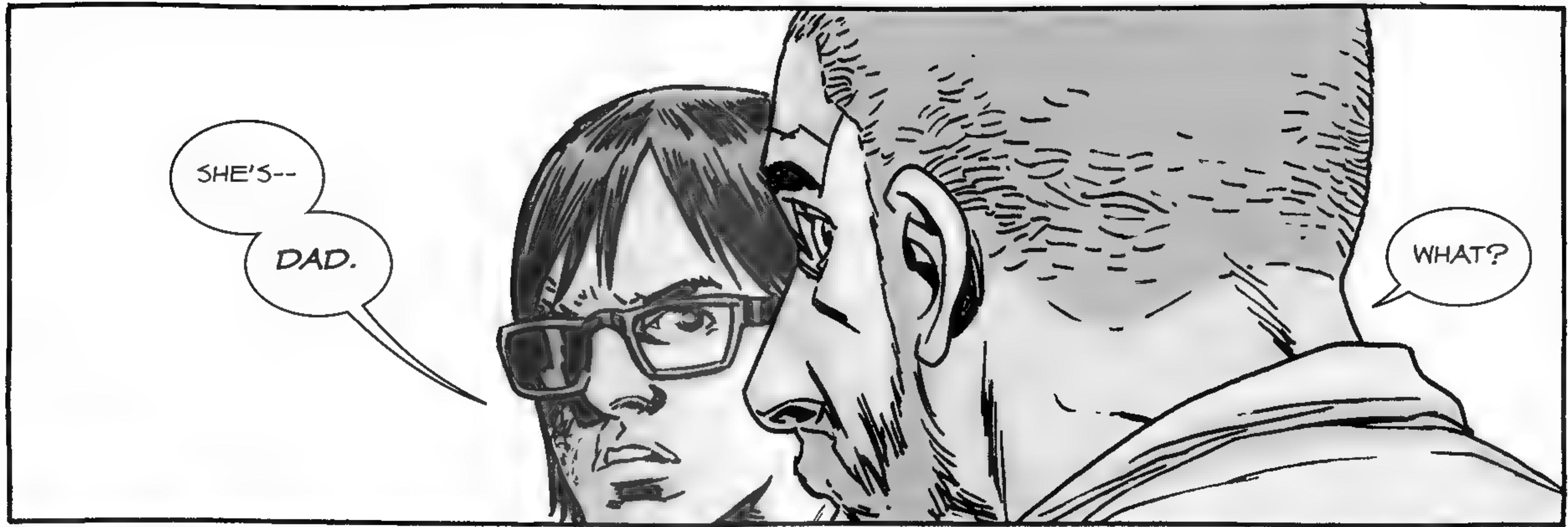
NO... IT'S  
BEEN A WHILE.  
WE STOPPING  
FOR LUNCH?

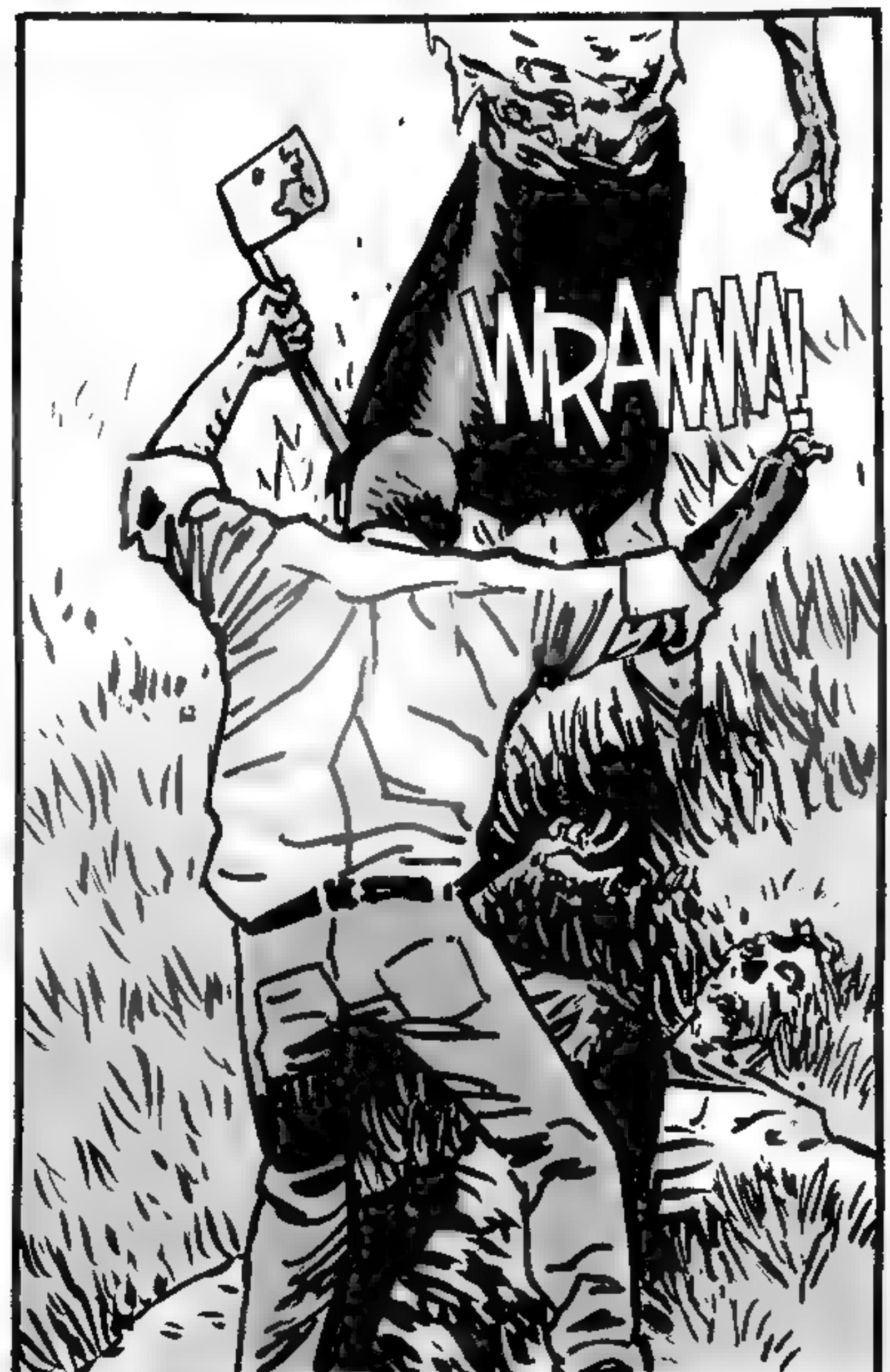
HER NAME IS ANNA. SHE'S  
A LITTLE OLDER THAN ME,  
BUT NOT MUCH. SHE WORKS  
IN THE ORCHARD WITH  
JOSH... THAT'S  
HOW WE MET.

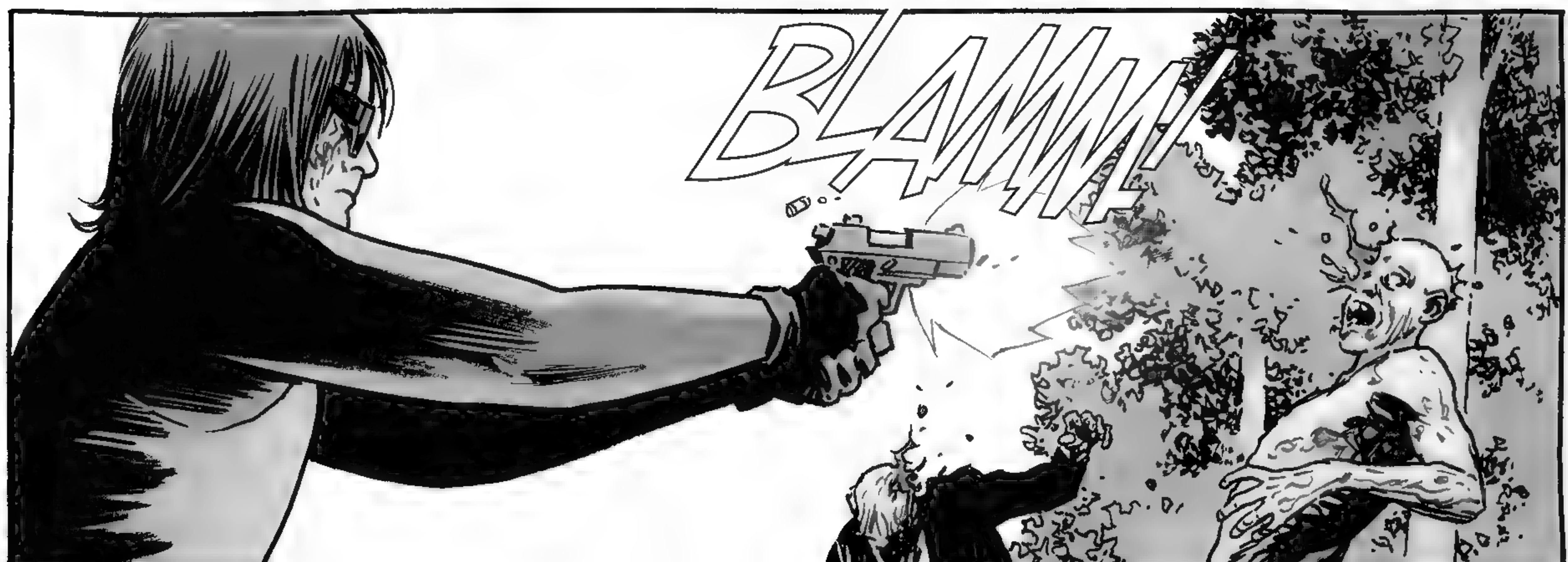
I KNEW  
I'D WEAR  
YOU DOWN  
EVENTUALLY.

TELL ME  
MORE.

















YOU HEAR THAT, KEN?  
WE GOTTA KEEP MOVING.

WHAT IS IT? WHAT DO YOU HEAR?



MARCO,  
C'MON--  
TELL ME  
WHAT YOU  
HEAR...

JUST  
KEEP  
MOVING.

WE  
SHOULDN'T  
BE DOING  
THIS...

THEN WHY  
THE HELL ARE  
YOU HERE? YOU  
VOLUNTEERED.

I DIDN'T  
WANT YOU  
GETTING  
HURT.

WAS AN EASY  
ENOUGH LOCK,  
THERE'S NO EXTRA  
SECURITY... IT JUST  
DOESN'T ADD UP.

RIGHT. RICK  
WANTED TO SEEM  
TRANSPARENT, BUT  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
THAT JUST DOESN'T  
SIT RIGHT ABOUT  
THIS PLACE.

THEY'RE  
 HIDING  
 SOMETHING...

I AIM  
TO FIND  
IT.



# LETTER HACKS

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**And this is why you kill a motherfucker dead. Nod your heads in agreement, yes, even you pacifists.**

**This month we dig into your deeply considered, well thought out reactions to #127. You loved it. You love us. It's like one big ol' electronic group hug.**

*Yeah... this is going to be weird.*

Ok.. where do I start? I had my doubts at the end of All Out War... mainly because every issue of the arc that I downloaded (I buy the print issues as well don't you worry about that but this way i can read them straight away) as soon it was put up on comixology at 10:15pm on Wednesday in Australia(Issues come out thursday here) i sat on the edge of my seat reading... waiting.. expecting.. some main character to die, i was disappointed. But I had faith that Kirkman knew what he was doing, and now i've just read issue #127 and I'd like to apologise for that tiniest amount of doubt I had, holy shit well done. Here come the numbers!

1. The intro with the new characters and that giant herd? Holy shit Charlie Adlard you are amazing, those were some amazing panels of beautiful art that should be in an art gallery.

2. Jesus' new look... Or should I say Samurai Jesus, it took me a while to notice it was him, but PLEASE PLEASE can we get a Samurai Jesus figure riding on that horse with the sword and all ASAP!

**I would love to make that so.**

3. Rick and Carl... Hipster Rick and Carl? Shaved head and beard on rick, hipster looking classes on Carl, not saying the looks are bad, I'm loving the new Rick but yeah... hipsters. What was the process on deciding the new looks for the characters?

**I've gone over this before, but the world of TWD rejects your notions of hipsterism. Flat out.**

*I agree. I mean... I GUESS they could pass for hipsters... but that certainly wasn't the intent.*

4. The pigs arse.. I know Charlie loves drawing ass cracks sticking out of pants, but that panel with pigs ass in full view to the right.. really Charlie?

**Englishmen really know their way around a pig's ass, I've been told. Or is that the Scots? Is there a difference?**

*Isn't that the Welsh? Hey... two Americans attempting British humour!*

5. There's a million other things i want to mention, wheres michonne? will she look different? maggie and her baby? etc etc. But the most important thing I think of the whole issue is the conversation between

Carl and Negan, this really made those last few panels in #125 make sense to me, that Negan could consider Ricks bigger picture idea, he is obviously a very complex character and I hope to see more Carl and Negan conversations to come, all their conversations throughout the previous issues have been amazing.

**Maggie and her baby appear on an October cover, so... October for some answers.**

I can't wait 4 weeks :(

Jared  
Western Australia

*The real bummer of ALL OUT WAR and the accelerated shipping schedule is that people now complain about our MONTHLY schedule. Thanks to Charlie (just being honest) this book has been on time like clockwork for four years? Five? I don't know when the last time we shipped late was... but it's been a long damn time... and with no fill-ins.*

*Honestly, we should be throwing Charlie a parade every month... not complaining the book doesn't come out even MORE often!*

*That said, we'll be shipping two issues in October... and if Charlie doesn't kill me, we'll try to do that from time to time... because we love you guys.*

Dear Kirkman and co.

Just read 127 and I love how everything seems to have progressed over the 2 year span and rick's new appearance is relle cool and relle shows how much he's endured

*This not fixing people's typos and misspellings thing is confusing, Sean. It's relle hard to figure things out sometimes.*

Having Carl confiding in negan Is an awesome concept as well since negan admired Carl's maturity and toughness throughout the last 3 volumes

I was just worried that michonne wasn't featured at all in this issue and jesus happened to be using a sword. just curious if that was a coincidence or if something might have happened to michonne in the 2 year gap

Can't wait to see where this is headed

Vishal Dusty

*You've probably noticed by now that there are a lot of people with swords. And for the record, NONE of them have been Michonne's (look closely). If she's dead... she took the sword with her. Man... now I'M worried...*



absolutely love them! They are the best writing and concept I have seen for a long time.  
2. I am current on all of the graphic novels and can't wait for the release of each new issue. The art and the writing are amazing! I also love how the show and the novel are different so that each remains interesting.  
3. I visited a comic book store to purchase #127 today and purchased volume 1 of Invincible upon the recommendation of the shop person.

Thank you for the work you do and the talent you share with all of us!

Tricia

**That's awesome, Tricia! I predict that in a year from now you'll have read everything INVINCIBLE and dug into MANIFEST DESTINY and the other great Skybound titles.**

*I'd like to recommend OUTCAST, which is already in stores at the time this is printed! Actually, I believe issue 2 will be out very soon. Check it out.*

**Also, glad that we got you hooked! Welcome aboard!**

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I'm sure I'm not the only one to have found the new-look Rick and Carl to be pretty unexpected. I think it could have been handled easier, if the first panel had read "One year later" or something like that. I get that Rick might be the new Gregory and that Carl has to grow up, but still, I'm fairly sure I'm not the only one to have gone back to view previous comics to see if the talent had changed in light of the stylistic change. It's jarring.

Having said all that, I'm enjoying the ride, just a bit more wary now.

Niall

*It was meant to be jarring. Having a caption revealing that a lot of time had passed... would have ruined the fun.*

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Kirkman,

Hmm. The Walking Dead #127...was...Totally Absorbing! Even compared to cutting edge stuff like Batman Eternal and Futures End, which I read the same day.

**"Cutting edge," I love it! You reveal yourself, Shaw!**

*Ha! Man... those DC comics are breaking new ground! It's just like... certainly no other superhero comics that have ever been published. Sean's right... this is explaining so much.*

New characters, new costumes, and not only did the Stinkers(?) actually appear--they killed somebody! Not to mention said Stinkers were shown en masse, and some of them even looked like shocked that they were being herded. Do you think, could it be: Zombies who actually Think, instead of just reacting?! Liking the new characters a lot, but Connie seems unnecessary and specious--we've already got Michonne. Wait, what...what happened to Michonne? She at the Hilltop...? She wasn't even mentioned in the issue!...and I didn't even notice until right now! I suppose she could've died in the last two years. So... Where. Is. Michonne?

**Chilling next to Carmen Sandiego.**

Also I just flashed on something. What happened to the grenades, from AOW? They couldn't all have been used, right? Well, why not just throw at least one into the big pack of Stinkers and be done with it!! Magna

seems the perfect female opposite to Rick. Even more than Andrea. Is that what you have in mind--oops: Spoiler Alert!--or maybe a love triangle?

***I think Rick and Andrea have too strong a bond for that. So strong a grenade couldn't break them up!***

I should also tell you, I spoiled the ending for myself: I read the last page before the rest of the issue! It didn't Really spoil anything for me, though - it just made it more fascinating!! I did spend the whole, or maybe half the issue thinking Jesus was Negan, though. Maybe that's what you were going for anyway, who knows. But since when does Jesus have black hair? "A New Beginning", indeed. In case you couldn't tell, I feel this issue really struck a chord. Say hey to the gang from me.

Cheers,  
Andrew J. Shaw

***"Say hey to the gang from me" is my new favorite way to end a letter. I'm ending all my emails with that this week.***

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Dear walking dead crew,

I want to keep this as short as possible (because I hate it when some dumb kid's letter drags on forever).

After the season 4 finale of the TV show, I started reading the Comics. Needless to say, my new found obsession escalated quickly. So here I sit, anxiously awaiting the release of issue 128. And I must say, way to go! You guys have a knack for developing TWD characters in ways that other books/comics haven't even touched. The last few pages with Carl and Negan gave me chills, literally! But I must say, part of Negan's original charm was his ability to use syntax and curse words in an intelligent and well thought out manner. Which left me feeling pretty surprised to see him speaking so PG 13 in issue 128. I can't wait to see why the last two years impacted Negan so drastically! You guys are awesome, keep cranking out awesome shit for me to read!

ps,  
PLEASE go back to releasing TWD bi-weekly!

**We're doing those two issues in October, jeesh!**

pps, Charlie Adlard and Dave Stewart- the cover art for issue 128 was the best yet! TWD crew always manages to develop every issue into a work of art.

Bonnie Sams  
Atlanta, Georgia.

**Sweet! Thanks for writing in, Bonnie! Say hey to the gang from me.**

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**This month we'll be in San Diego working on our tans inside the lovely San Diego Convention Center (that's what it's called, right?). Walking Dead will be well represented with Robert and Charlie in attendance. Check the Skybound.com site for panel and signing info and news on exclusive items, like for instance, your very own LUCILLE or a shirt that makes you look like mf'n EZEKIEL, or even your very own Ezekiel ACTION FIGURE. And that's just the tip. Have fun til then, y'all!**

**-Sean Mackiewicz**

***Oh, crap... Comic-Con is coming up, isn't it? I need to get caught up on scripts. Sheesh.***

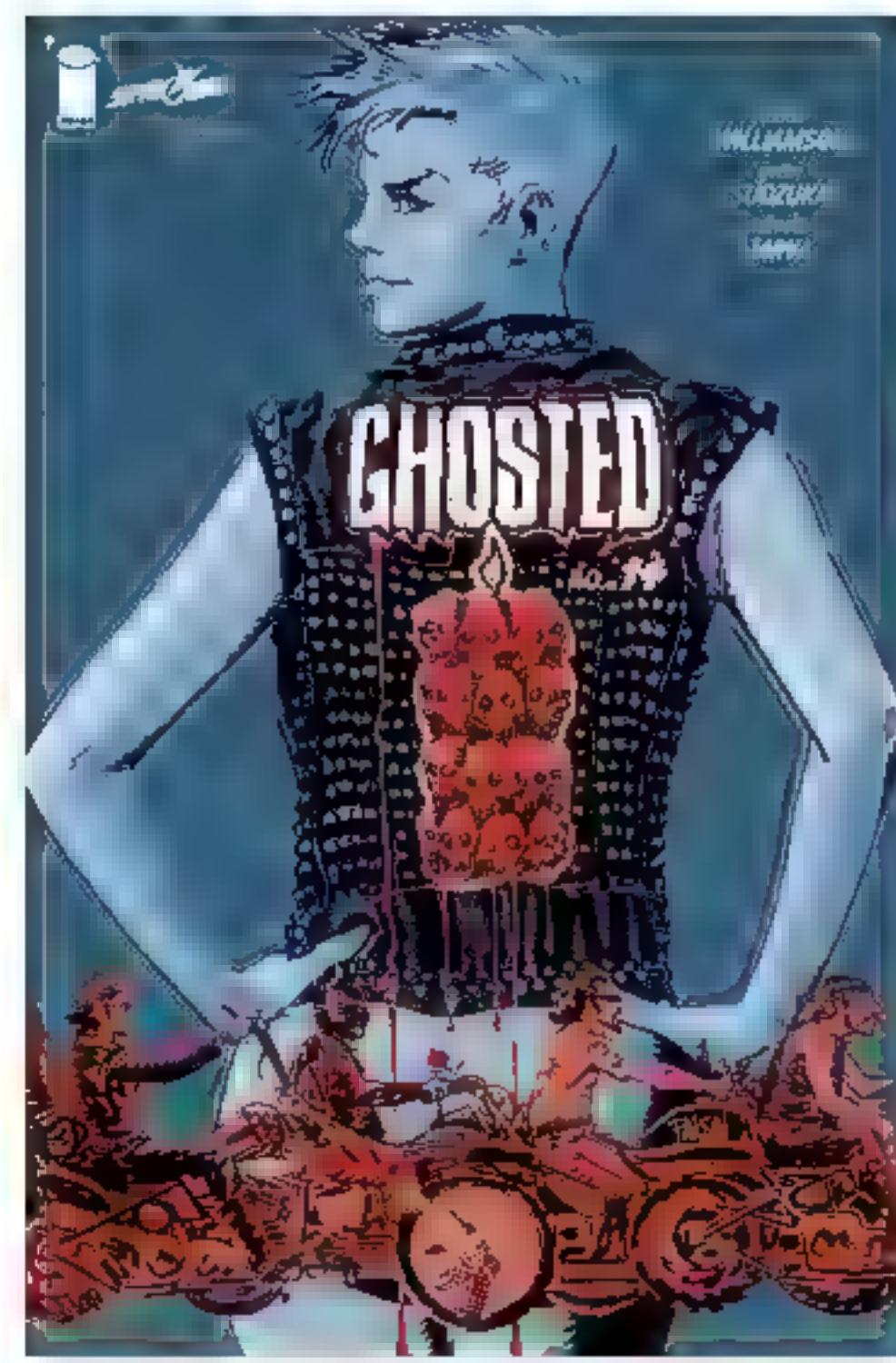
***Say hey to the gang from me!***

***-Robert Kirkman***

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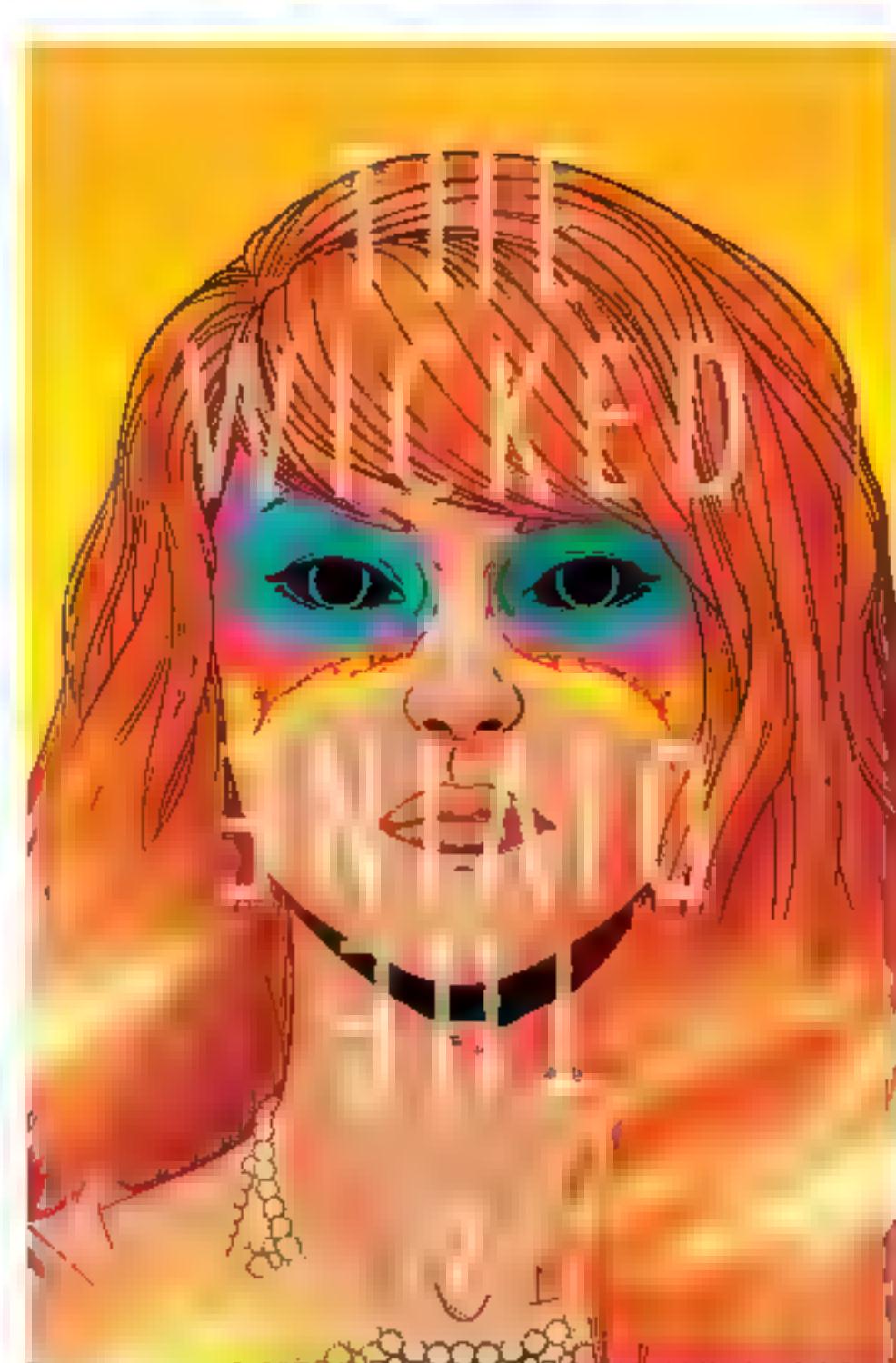
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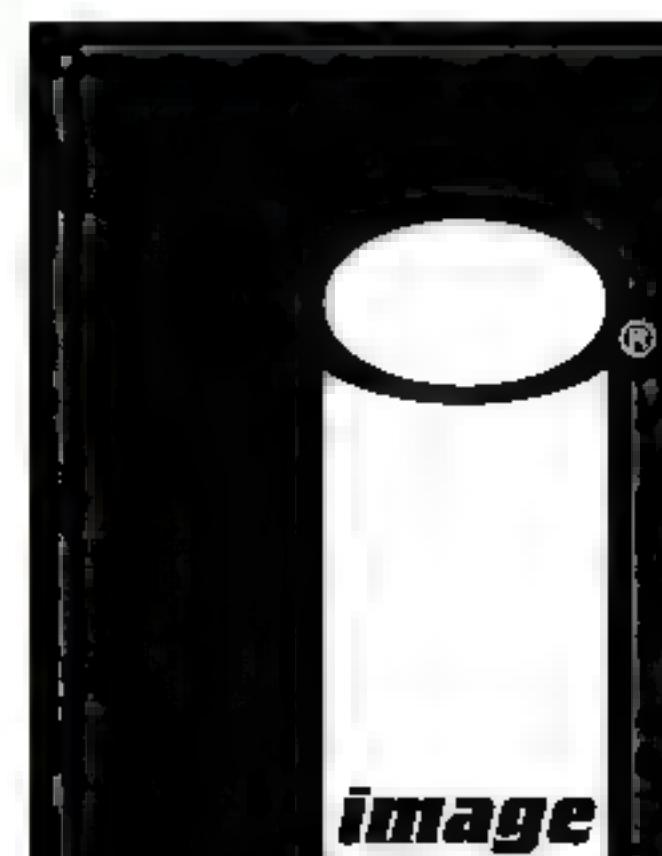
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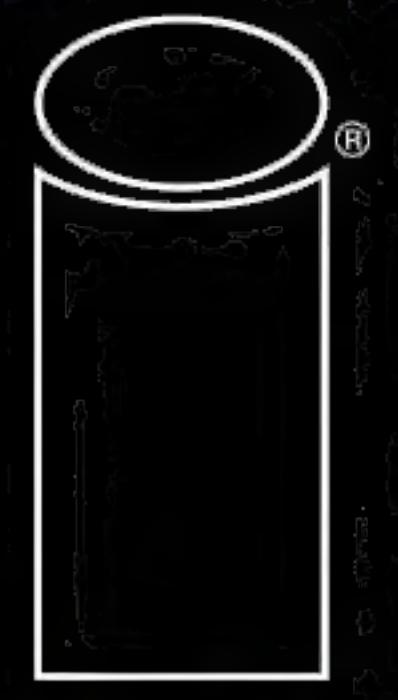
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